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20.	Orissa	239.53	79.84	319.38	61.105 (58.66)	–	–
21.	Punjab	120.74	40.25	160.99	60.37	–	–
22.	Rajasthan	343.68	114.56	458.25	85.50 (86.34)	–	–
23.	Sikkim	13.93	4.64	18.57	@	–	–
24.	Tamil Nadu	172.88	57.63	230.51	@	–	–
25.	Tripura	10.21	3.4	13.61	5.105	–	
26.	Uttar Pradesh	235.1	78.36	313.45	117.55	–	
27.	Uttarakhand	73.93	24.64	98.58	@	–	–
28.	West Bengal	186.47	62.15	248.62	93.235	–	–

Note:-Figures shown in brackets (in col. 6) includes about 25% Central share of CRF released in advance during 2006-07 for the year 2007-08.

@ First instalment of Central share of CRF has not been released for want of information relating to crediting of earlier releases and utilization certificate.

* Includes release of Central share of Rs. 114.42 crore for 2006-07.

Problem of drinking water

*235. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNDP's Human Development Report 2006 focuses on one of the most serious problems facing humanity today the global water crisis as water supplies are under severe stress and more than a billion people have no access to safe drinking water and also two million children die every year for want of potable water and sanitation facilities;

(b) whether India with a sixth of the world's population faces a rapidly growing water crisis, both in the urban and rural areas; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Rural Drinking Water Supply is one of the six components of Bharat Nirman, which has been conceived as a plan to be implemented in four years, from 2005-06 to 2008-09 for building rural infrastructure. Under Bharat Nirman, it is proposed to cover all uncovered habitations, slipped back habitations and quality affected habitations by 2008-09. To achieve the above, the Central Government has increased the budget allocation from Rs. 2900 crore in 2004-05 to Rs. 6500 crore in 2007-08 in the rural drinking water sector.

With regard to drinking water in urban areas, to supplement the efforts of the States, the Government of India has launched in December, 2005, a reform linked programme called Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)

under which additional assistance is made available to 63 selected cities including mega/metro cities, State capitals and other important cities for the development of integrated urban infrastructure including water supply and sanitation. A similar programme called Urban Infrastructure Development Schemes for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) has also been launched by Government of India for the improvement of drinking water supply in 5098 small and medium towns and cities (as per census 2001) not covered under JNNURM.

Non-availability of LPT Ransar Valley in Shimla

*236. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Ransar Valley in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh are not getting the facility of Doordarshan programme due to non-availability of Low Power Transmitter (LPT);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are ignoring the demands of people of Ransar Valley for installation of LPT;

(c) whether there is any proposal of Government to install LPT so that people can avail the accessibility to Doordarshan programmes; and

(d) if so, by when it will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir, Ransar Valley does not get TV coverage from the nearby TV transmitter at Chirgaon due to hilly terrain in the area.

(b) to (d) With the launch of free-to-air DTH service of Doordarshan ''DD Direct Plus'', all uncovered areas along with rest of the country (except A&N Islands) have been provided with multi channel TV coverage. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country, including Shimla district, with the help of small sized dish receive system. New transmitters are now not contemplated.

Letter sent by D/o Rural Development, Madhya Pradesh

†*237. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a letter has been sent on 12th January, 2007 by Department of Rural Development, Madhya Pradesh to Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India regarding solution to the objections raised *vide* reference No. P-17024/14/2006 R.C. dated 9th January, 2007; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereto so far?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.